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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT UNDER
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For: **ELECTROSURGICAL APPARATUS AND
METHODS FOR CUTTING TISSUE**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The references cited on attached form PTO-1449 are being called to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of each is enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue there from.

This IDS is being filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, Applicants believe that no fee is necessary. Should a fee be deemed necessary for submission of this IDS, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the required fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0359.

Respectfully submitted,

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